

MINUTES
Blundeston & Flixton Parish Council Meeting
Held on Monday 18th September 2023

1. **Present:** - Mr G Wade (Chairman), Mr S Rees (Vice-chairman), Mrs G Soanes, Cllr Edward Back, Cllr P Ashdown, Mr K Blowers, Mr R Leach, Mrs E Sparks, Mrs B Shaw. & 6 Parishioners were present.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr K Robinson, Mr C Harris, Mr P Button, Miss M Wright
3. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of the previous meetings held on 21st August 2023 were approved and signed.
4. **Declaration of interests:** No Declaration of Interest
5. **Clerks Report** -Nothing to report.
6. **15 Minutes for Parishioners input** – Nothing to report at this meeting.
7. **Other Parish Business (Parish Councillors) The following matters were discussed with the councillor's present** – A Councillor emailed Justin Coote to ask about the closure of the footpath across the field between Church Road and Lakeside Rise. He said that the closure has been cancelled and he cannot confirm when the work will take place.
White lines have been mentioned again in Hall Road this has been reported and Cllr Edward Back would ask Cllr Keith Robinson on the progress.

8. **District Councillors Report:** (Cllr P Ashdown) The Buzz Bus has changed the days it runs from Monday and Thursday to a Tuesday and Thursday and now also goes to North Quay. There will be leaflets going to every household and you will soon be able to get an App for your phone to book the bus online.

The community partnership board meeting is taking place tomorrow at Somerleyton Village Hall.

East Suffolk at long last has now got the new strategy coming forward this goes to full council in November.

Paul also said that he has had a long conversation with Mark Harvey who is the lead officer for building control to discuss the partnership with Ipswich borough council which will now be dissolved and this means that our officer's will have more time to deal with building matters here.

County Councillors Report: (Cllr Keith Robinson, Cllr Edward Back).Cllr Keith Robinson sent his apologies for the meeting and Cllr Edward Back said that there is nothing more to report.

9. **Playing Field Trees**-A Councillor met with a play park inspector at another local play Park to ask how they deal with the trees in there play area, his guidance is that they trim back their own trees when they come within 2m of the play equipment.
This was also followed up with Trees and Landscaping at East Suffolk to ask if someone would come and look at our trees and give some guidance on what our responsibilities are. We are just waiting for a date when they can come and give us guidance on the trees. After a long discussion it was asked if East Suffolk could take on the annual checks and inspections and that the parish pay for East Suffolk to take over the responsibilities Cllr Paul Ashdown said that he would chase this up with Trees and landscaping at East Suffolk.
10. **Traffic Calming in Blundeston and Flixton** -A Parishioner has prepared a report on the speeding in Lowestoft Road. Cllr P Ashdown said that on the 10th of October at 18.30pm at the wherry hotel the police and crime officer will be there, and you can submit your complaints to them as the

police control speeding. It was agreed that speeding is an issue, but it is down to cost, and management Cllr Edward Back would speak to Cllr Keith Robinson.

11. **Hopton Harrriers football pitch hire-** No one from Hopton Harries attended the meeting to discuss.

12. **Planning – This planning Application was agreed at the meeting**

DC/23/3315/FUL | Construction of two storey and single storey extensions | 8 Orchard Close Blundeston Lowestoft Suffolk NR32 5AD

13.

- **Finances:**

Income:- - £21.00 Clothing Recycling

Expenditure - - £30.00 Clerks Telephone Allowance

£79.99 Microsoft Office

£13.20 Mel Wright Expenses for Hazard Tape for Skate Park

£19.70 Gina Expenses for a Morticelock for village hall

£727.20 Nicholsons Solicitors shared cost for new lease for

playing field

£92.00 Sam Perks for Play Park works.

21. **Correspondence-**(WJJ1/2) Lease of playing field

Blundeston footpath 9 – 41583

23/07287/Conflytipping.

22. **Emails-** Land behind No 11 Market Lane

Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Members Meeting & AGM

Independent audit members required for Police/PCC committee

Citizens Advice East Suffolk Annual Report 2022/23

SALC training bulletin 5th September 2023

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Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Members Meeting & AGM

August Monthly Town and Parish Newsletter (Cllr Keith Robinson)

Speeding forms from Cllr K Robinson

Any other Business

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th October 2023 at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm